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Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas **L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District**

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MTA BOARD APPROVES RIDLEY-THOMAS' REQUEST TO ESTABLISH LOCAL HIRING PROGRAM FOR LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED WITH FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS DOLLARS

Program will assure that local communities benefit from Federal Economic Stimulus Funding to promote economic development in Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -- The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board today unanimously approved Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' proposal to establish a local hiring program for large construction projects funded with federal economic stimulus dollars.

The vote came a month after Ridley-Thomas, during a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, urged the hiring of at-risk youth with federal stimulus funding.

He directed the County's Chief Executive Officer to develop actions to ensure that the use of Federal Economic Stimulus Package funds will create jobs, job training and other similar public benefits for at risk-youth.

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In his motion to the MTA board, Ridley-Thomas said the "intent of the funding is to promote economic development in Los Angeles County and to provide employment opportunities for local residents."

"To ensure that these objectives, one of Metro's major program objectives must be to promote employment of individuals who reside in or near project areas and within the County of Los Angeles, and to provide employment and job training opportunities among populations affected by high unemployment," he concluded.

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